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"I was on the point of telephoning for you," he said, "but you've saved the precious hour or two by coming on your own account. Mallory reported to me here at six o'clock this morning, having come all the way from Oak Ridge on foot, and without getting the slightest trace of the mysterious woman who invaded the Morgan house last night. I confess that her appearance throws a different light on Harvey's testimony. And I think you'll agree that, in all probability, she is the criminal."

"I've no doubt myself," said Doctor McAllister, "that it was her hands that strangled old Morgan." "Well, then, she's the criminal," he said, "and regarding the answer to this question as to who was to be waited for, he went straight on, 'The whole energies of the police and of all the detective force connected with our office will be bent toward finding her. What I want from you—from both of you, independently—is the most complete and careful description you can give of the physical appearance of the woman who entered Henry Morgan's study last night.'"

"You can describe her for yourself," said Doctor McAllister rather shortly. "You have a talent that way."

"What do you mean?" "You've seen her. You've enjoyed a good look at her. She's the girl that Reinhardt sent for us to see at St. Michael's two nights ago."

Ashton started in clear amazement, first at the doctor and then at me.

"You're sure," he gasped. "Perfectly," said I gravely. For a moment he sat silent. Then he frowned.

"May I ask whether you had any suspicion when we saw her there at the hospital, that she might prove to have some connection with this case?"

"Yes," said my chief bluntly. "It's your right to ask. I did suspect a connection between her and the Oak Ridge mystery. I recognized and understood the language in which she was chattering to herself. It's a language that, with minor variations, is spoken in all those islands in the South Pacific. The thing she was singing to herself was a death chant."

Ashton looked pretty grave at that. "I won't presume," he said, "to question your motive for your reticence with me the other night. Undoubtedly it seemed justifiable to you, but as a result of it, a dangerous criminal is now at large. I admit it was not a result you could have foreseen, for I remember your recommendation that she be closely watched, and I have no doubt that with the clew you've just given me it won't be many hours before we find her. A strange creature like that, half-wild, chattering a language that no one can understand, cannot remain hidden very long. I can't understand though," he went on, "the reason your gentlemen have for wishing to withhold from me your full confidence. You haven't given it to me yet. You've discovered something more than bears upon this case which I haven't heard of."

"We have," said the doctor, "and it was with the purpose of telling you about it that we came back to town this morning—that was part of our purpose, at any rate. Do you remember the green cloak which you so confidently declared to be nothing but a bit of fiction, born of Will Harvey's puerile vanity? Well, we've found that. A green cloak, with a high collar, just as Harvey described it."

Ashton eagerly demanded the details as to where and how the cloak was found, and there I supplied him with them. Then there was a little silence. His displeasure over our previous reticence was suddenly swallowed up in his interest in the revelations we made to him.

"That's one to Mallory, certainly," he said at last. "He was right and I was wrong."

"How do you make that out?" I questioned.

"Didn't I tell you that Mallory suspected Harvey of some active connection with the crime, and thought that he was lying to shield himself? The discovery of the cloak makes it evident that he was right. He knew who the actual criminal was, knows now, and was undoubtedly associated with her. He probably thought to save himself by giving us the clew that would lead to her detection. In his eagerness, he overreached himself and told too much, told more than he could possibly have seen, if his testimony as to how he saw it were true."

He broke off there with a short laugh. "But confess," he said, turning to my chief, "confess that this discovery of Phelps puts your theory of associative illusion completely out of court. Harvey testified to a black-haired woman in a green cloak, and he denies that he saw more of her than her silhouette upon the shade. We know now that a black-haired woman in a green cloak was actually there, from which it follows that Harvey lied, knew that he lied, and to have lied thus about a matter which he knew to be vital and significant, he must have some powerful, and probably guilty, motive. I don't believe that you can get away from the logic of that."

"Your conclusion is probable," said my chief, "but it's not inevitable."

Ashton dismissed the denial with a more tolerant shrug, and set it down to the obstinacy of old age.

"You brought the cloak to town with you, I suppose," he went on presently.

I nodded. "You'll want it, I presume?"

"Yes, he said. 'It may prove a valuable bit of bait, not for the girl herself, of course, but possibly for one of her accomplices. I'll have Harvey arrested at once. Surveillance isn't good enough for him now; I want him in jail.'"

"You promised me a chance at Harvey after you got through with him. Do you remember?" said the doctor. "I hope you don't mean to withdraw it."

Ashton stared at him. "You still think you can beat up anything in that coat?" he asked incredulously. "Oh, well, I've no objection to your trying. I'll have him arrested at once."

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and brought to town. Where do you want him? At your laboratory?"

"Yes," said doctor. "When may we expect him? This afternoon, some time?"

"Yes," said Ashton. "Not later than four o'clock."

The doctor swallowed the last of his coffee, pushed back his chair, and rose to his great ungainly height.

"Now, let's have an understanding," said he. "I've given you, freely, all the information you've asked for. It comprises pretty much all the information you have which can be of any service to you in the solution of the mystery of this crime. That, of course, is partly due to luck. I believe that I can solve that mystery by my methods. I believe that with your methods you will fail. Phelps and I are going to set about trying to find that girl for ourselves, in our own way. If we find her, we will examine her in our own way; and we shan't tell you anything about it until our investigation is complete."

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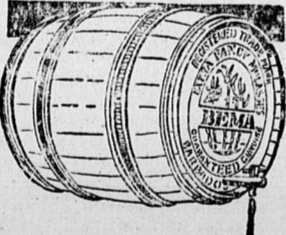
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